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Belved Friend

W. L. Garrison

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It has been decided to hold a meeting of the Iowa Peace Society at Iowa City on the 22nd & 23rd of the 4th month (april) Those hast on former occasions contributed much interest by writing

There has been a desire expressed to invite thee to be present in person, but as we could scarcely expect such a treat as this, I consented to write to thee soliciting a letter if only a brief one expressive of thy views and sentiments on this Christ like reform - It is pleasant to recur to the times which tried the souls of men and women in the struggle for the Emancipa

tion of those in bonds, especially so, as thro the divine blessing, triumphant surveys crowned the labors of the devoted and faithful toilers- There are other reforms to be prosecuted and this of peaceful arbitration instead of the devouring sword we know is one which has enlisted much of thy thoughts- We occasionally see effusions from thy pen in the public papers and always read them with absorbing interest- Our beloved Mother is still living and has entered her 91st year She is an example of patience and trustfulness tho at times almost deaf and blind My own health is infirm so that writing is quite a task to me- It is not probable we shall be able to attend the Peace meeting A terrible pecuniary pressure is paralysing business in the west

insomuch that large numbers of industrious people are thrown out of employment. In this part of the State we have had for three years such a vast amount of rain as to injure the crops and in many places destroy them. I hope my dear Ruth will add to this. She would be delighted to hear from thee if not taxing thee too much.

In order to be more certain that the Society may receive thy letter (should thee not write immediately) it may be better to direct to Frances Ward Iowa City Iowa. With affectionate remembrances I am thy cordial friend.

Joseph A Dugdale

Beloved Friend

I gladly accept the invitation of my dear husband to pen a few lines to thee, tho many

years have passed since we met. very
pleasant recollections arise of our former
intercourse, when we were privileged to work
together in an unpopular cause, thanks
be to our Almighty Helper, we have lived to
see the desire of our souls accomplished. the
downtrodden Slave free!! what changes a few
brief years make, once thou were a hunted fugitive
thy life threatened, now honored & reverenced for thy
unflinching fidelity to the Golden Rule.
we were glad to hear of thy second visit to Eng
land when doubtless, thou were welcomed by
many congenial spirits, to hearts and homes.
may we not hope to see thee in our western
home sometime ere long. a cordial greeting would
be theirs. many thanks for thy kindness in sending
a memoirs of thy beloved wife who was gratefully
remembered. we did prize more than I can express
your photos. to add to our cherished Anti Slavery
Friends. I am thankful for the improved health of
my dear Jos. for a considerable time he had to give
up the use of the pen entirely, oh was a great priva-
tion but now am hopeful for the future.
Thanks be to our Loving Father dear Le Mott is still
alive in every sense of the word. & we be truly grateful to
hear from thee any time. With love & blessings I remain cordially
Ruth Dugdale.